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March 5th, 1913. Temperature a.m. 65, p.m. 71; Humidity...74, 72.

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INAUGURATION OF MR. WOODROW WILSON.

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[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph."]

London, March 4.

A message from Washington states that Mr. Woodrow Wilson, the President-Elect of the United States, arrived there to-day preparatory to the inauguration ceremony, and he received a great ovation.

Five thousand Suffragettes who were debarred from participating in the Presidential procession paraded yesterday. Women on horseback helped the police to clear the route.

"Jeffersonian Simplicity."

Later.

Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that Mr. Woodrow Wilson and Governor Marshall of Indiana were installed as President and Vice-President respectively, with the usual procedure. President Wilson's desire for Jeffersonian simplicity in inauguration ceremonies was reflected in the decorations prominent among which were the Suffragette green and white, with occasional blazes of red, white, and blue, while evergreen garlands hung from miniature cedars.

Opening Proceedings.

The proceedings were opened by Mr. Woodrow Wilson and Mr. Marshall driving to White House. They exchanged greetings with Mr. Taft, and afterwards the procession proceeded to the Capital, escorted by mounted troops and students of Princeton College. The Senate was thronged with a brilliant assembly, and foreign Ambassadors occupied conspicuous places. When Mr. Wilson and Mr. Taft entered they received an ovation.

The Vice President took the oath and made a brief address. The Chief Justice administered the Presidential oath to Mr. Wilson and a salute of twenty-one guns was fired.

WHAT IS A STOREY ?

Interesting Test Case Before the Court.

The case was continued in the Supreme Court this morning when Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. R. F. C. Master, of Messrs. Johnson, Sookes and Master, applied that the Building Authority should be called up on to approve of certain amended plans submitted on behalf of Lo Ching San, by Messrs. P. Imison and Turner, to the Building Authority. The Hon. M. J. A. S. Bucknill, Attorney General, instructed by Mr. J. H. Kemp, Crown Solicitor, responded.

Continuing his address from yesterday, Mr. Bucknill said that there was one point to which he wished to draw their Lordships' attention. He desired to point out that where there was a question of discretion a *mandamus* would not issue from the court against the Building authority, and if there was any question as to whether the so-called basement or storey was adapted to be used for human habitation, the same principle would apply as in the case of Section 263. In other words, the discretion as to whether it was adapted, for human habitation, would lie with the Building Authority and that having been exercised, their Lordship would not interfere by *mandamus*. He submitted that a *mandamus* would not issue against an authority, where any discretionary power had been exercised, whether such power had been exercised rightly or wrongly.

Mr. Potter, replying, argued in support of his contention that the court had power to issue a *mandamus*.

damus in spite of the fact that there was another remedy, viz., an appeal to the Governor-in-Council. At home they had only common law rights, i.e., a *mandamus* but here they had more: they had their common law rights, also an appeal to another tribunal. The section was put in, he claimed, to protect the builders, and it was now sought to cut it out. Apart from the ordinance altogether, it was common ground that if the case before them morally involved a question of law, then he was entitled to come here and ask for *mandamus*.

He submitted, further, that Mr. Chatham had no discretion of any kind, with regard to the width of passageway, and if he had, it did not affect the case at all, because the grounds on which he refused to pass the plan, were not those. The only question was:—Are the grounds on which he refused to pass the plan, right or wrong?

He submitted that the grounds, on which Mr. Chatham refused, were wrong.

The Puisne Judge:—It has been suggested this was a test case. In the case of the room, all you had to do, to make things all right, was to raise the floor one inch?

Mr. Potter:—Yes.

The Puisne Judge:—It does not seem practical to come to the court and get a ruling, when as a matter of fact you can do that by raising the floor one inch.

Mr. Potter:—Originally there was a clear space of 10 ft. 6 in. Now, in order to get over the question of the storey difficulty Mr. Bird lowered the storey above by one foot six inches.

The Puisne Judge:—If you had lowered it 1 ft. 7 in.—if you had

TELEGRAMS.

CANADIAN NAVAL BILL.

A PROTRACTED SITTING.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."]

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A message from Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa states that the Dominion House of Commons yesterday began the Committee Stage of the Naval Bill with an all-night sitting, and it is expected that the House will sit continuously till Saturday night, as the rules do not provide for the closure.

An Amendment.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in the

early hours of the morning, moved an amendment to the clause appropriating 35 millions sterling for the purpose of immediately increasing the effective naval forces of the Empire, so as to read for the speedy organisation of a Canadian Naval Service in cooperation with and close relation to the Imperial Navy.

The Opposition Whips declare that they will obstruct the passage of the Bill, to the utmost with a view to forcing an appeal to the country.

FUTURE TASKS.

The chief items they must alter were the tariff, which violated the just principles of taxation, the banking and currency system and the present industrial and agricultural systems. They must safeguard the health of the nation, secure good sanitary laws and pure food, ensure proper conditions of labour, and maintain the fundamental safeguards of property and individual right. Above all, their motto must be "Justice, and only Justice."

A GREAT PAGEANT.

President Wilson and Ex-President Taft headed a procession back to White House in a great street pageant, and reviewed the procession from a magnificent box.

The ceremonies concluded with illuminations and fireworks.

TELEGRAMS.

THE GERMAN ARMY.

PAYING THE BILL.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, March 4.

Latest advices from Berlin state that although opinions as to the method of meeting the increased expense for the Army vary, the public are apparently reconciled to the prospect of the "Milliard Marks Army Bill," in addition to the ordinary estimates, despite the fact that probably only a fraction of the contributors to the special levy will be able to pay from their incomes. The majority will be compelled to sell part of their possessions.

It is believed that the idea of the levy originated with the Kaiser, who proposed that the Federal Sovereigns should sacrifice their immunity from taxation. According to the papers, the Sovereigns "joyfully assented."

It is understood that the levy will be 1 per cent. on fortunes under a million marks, increasing to two per cent. in the case of great fortunes. Besides the levy, there will probably be an inheritance Tax and the creation of monopolies.

TELEGRAMS.

THE BALKAN CRISIS.

ALLIES' TERMS.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, March 4.

It is stated in Rome that the Allies' terms and conditions of accepting mediation include the surrender of Adrianople, Skutari, and Janina, the fixing of the Bulgarian-Turkish frontier from Rodosto to Midia, and the cession of the Peninsula of Gallipoli and the Aegean Islands, to be occupied by the Greeks, the payment of an indemnity, and the annexation of Crete to Greece.

It is semi-officially stated in Sofia that the reply of the Allies to the Powers' offer of mediation will depend upon Turkey's acceptance of the principle of the territorial demands of the Allies and the consent to the payment of a war indemnity.

Good News.

The belief is growing in Vienna and Berlin that demobilisation is imminent in both Austria and Russia.

Albanians Rise.

A message from Trieste states that the Albanians have risen against the Servian occupation, and have been fighting for five days. The Servian Garrisons at Tirana and Kroja have been expelled, and are fleeing towards the coast. Communication with Skutari has been restored.

Allies' Intentions.

The Allies intend consulting one another before accepting the mediation of the Powers, but are likely to insist on a preliminary acceptance of their terms in principle. When all have assented, the Powers will probably prepare a draft Treaty for acceptance by the belligerents.

Greek Naval Success.

Reuter's correspondent at Athens says that a Greek naval division bombarded Siuti Quaranta, a port in Janina, and annihilated the Turkish artillery. Troops were subsequently landed.

TELEGRAMS.

U. S. POLITICS.

NEW CABINET MINISTER.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, March 4.

Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that Mr. Taft has signed the Bill creating a Labour Department.

President Woodrow Wilson has appointed Mr. Wilson, a former official of the Miners Union, and a native of Blantyre, Scotland, to be the Minister of Labour, with a seat in the Cabinet.

LIBERIAN CONCESSIONS.

A GERMAN PROTEST.

London, March 5.

Router's correspondent at Berlin states that in the Reichstag attention was directed to the Agreement between Messrs. Lever Bros. and the Liberian Government.

A Government representative declared that the granting of such a concession, which was of such a scope as to amount to a monopoly, was inadmissible in face of the terms of the German-Liberian Commercial Agreement.

He also stated that Germany had protested and was officially informed that the Liberian Legislature had not given its necessary sanction, and that the Government would not fail to protect the Treaty rights of Germans interested in Liberia.

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THE SYDNEY STRIKE.

PROTECTING FREE LABOUR.

London, March 4.

A message from Sydney says that the Government has decided to guarantee the protection of free labour, and the Lord Mayor has appealed for the volunteers to assist the Gas Companies.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

GROWING CORDIALITY.

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A telegram from Paris says that in a semi-official Note, the French Navy keenly appreciate Mr. Churchill's courtesy, on his visit to Toulon, as fresh evidence of Anglo-French cordiality.

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THE WIRELESS.

A NEW ACHIEVEMENT.

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The motor trap in Berlin, by which a jeweller and his wife were killed, was undoubtedly the work of robbers.

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Mr. Woodrow Wilson has been inaugurated President of the United States, and Mr. Marshall Vice-President.

The conditions on which the Allies are prepared to agree to the mediation of the Powers are given in a telegram.

The Supreme Military Council of France has decided in favour of three years service, and the abolition of all exemptions.

Several British naval officers have arrived at Bitterfeld to attend the trials of a Parseval airship building for the British Admiralty.

After scathing criticism by the Socialists, the Reichstag has voted an instalment of £250,000 for an Imperial yacht to cost half a million sterling.

On his Presidential inauguration, Mr. Woodrow Wilson delivered a notable address, the main points of which appear in a telegram.

Mr. Churchill's courtesy, in visiting the French Minister of Marine at Toulon is cited as fresh evidence of Anglo-French cordiality.

The Naval Bill will probably be continuously before the Canadian House of Commons until Saturday night, there being no closure rules.

The German public is apparently reconciled to the prospect of a "Milliard Marks Army Bill," though opinions vary as to the methods of meeting the expense.

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A WANT OF PATRIOTISM.

The statement issued by the Midland Railway Company, relative to the dismissal of the guard Richardson, reveals an extraordinary state of mind on the part of workers at Home. It will be remembered that Richardson was dismissed for disobeying the orders of his foreman. His story was that the orders were contrary to regulations and that, when he appealed to the Chairman of the Company, the latter declared that he should have obeyed the orders of the foreman was the responsible official. Now we learn that Richardson was the only man who refused to obey the instructions. Moreover, he conducted himself offensively to his superiors and told the Board that he would not accept the orders of even the General Manager of the Company if he thought they were contrary to the written orders.

The amazing fact is that the Railwaysmen's Union, and other organisations, should lend support to an employee who adopts an attitude so stubborn and unjustifiable. A new working arrangement, by which traffic is operated under oral instructions, and which is in accordance with Board of Trade regulations, was violated by one man only. Obviously, therefore, no danger could have attached to the instructions, or there would have been a general protest, and matters would have been righted. But, if a national strike is to be precipitated whenever one man chooses to think that verbal instructions are contrary to written orders, a state of matters will arise which will prevent railway work being carried out whenever a servant feels somewhat off colour and imagines some grievance. Immediately, following the dismissal, the President of the new Railwaysmen's Union talked loudly of the last strike being a tool to this end and said that the men could not much longer stand a continuance of "these things." If Richardson had gone on, he said, and had powered his train below the regulation standard, he might have been arraigned for manslaughter. But what the leaders of the unions will not see is that, if Richardson was right, the men who obeyed were wrong, and that if they are to support the objector, they should censure those who did actually risk lives. They cannot have it both ways.

The simple truth is that there is, at bottom of all the present discontent, not harsh treatment on the part of employers nor unfair regulations and conditions of employment, but the growing feeling that the working man should be top dog. That doctrine is practised, alike openly and guarded, from many platforms and is gradually spreading. Except its growth is arrested, there will be serious trouble to be faced in the near future. How, and by what means, it is to be grappled with is a bigger question than any now before the Home Parliament; for the growth of this discontent is singularly like the growth of disloyalty. At any rate, it shows a weakening of patriotism, for patriotic men would not place their country in jeopardy as a national railway strike does, over a trumpery matter of discontent affecting only one man. We cannot find that any serious attempt is being made to strike at the root of the disease; and the growing want of patriotism displayed is a poor object lesson to themselves so loyal a heart.

A Kowloon Complaint.

A complaint was made to us yesterday that the street lamps in Kowloon are not kept alight as long in the mornings as some people find necessary. They are kept burning until five in the morning, and from then until day-light, the streets are in darkness. It does seem a little curious that they should be kept burning for five hours after mid-night, and extinguished during the remaining hour of darkness. The man who is about, like our informant, between five and six is in daylight; those who are on the streets between one and five most probably are not; and it may be argued that the former is more deserving of consideration. But those who are out and about just after five may conceal themselves with the reflection that they are not half so greatly in need of light as the other people. That reflection (who knows?) may guide the powers that be. However that may be, we pass on the complaint for what it is worth.

Unfounded Rumours.

Hongkong is hard to beat as a home of scarce rumours, scandals, and false reports. The latest idle story is that Chinese students are withdrawing from the Hongkong University, and at such a rate as to threaten to leave the University empty. It's a silly tale, so far from students leaving, it is all that the University authorities can do to deal with the applications for admission. It is unusual for undergraduates to be admitted after term has begun, but the increase in the number of applicants has made it necessary in some cases, to waive this rule.

Next, please.

"What Every Woman Knows".

When Mr. Henry Dallas becomes better acquainted with Hongkong audiences he will hesitate before staging a play like "What Every Woman Knows"; in any case, he will probably not give a repeat performance of it. Had the author of it been an unknown man, he might have hawked his play round all the cities of the world before he would have found a manager willing to put it on the boards. There is only work for two people in it. Barrie's drawing of the man does not err on the side of over-probability, while his extremely delicate handling of the woman renders the stage representation of her superlatively difficult; and even when, as last night, her part is really well sustained, half the subtleties of the character are thrown away on the average theatre-goer. As a novel merely, it would have given the author infinitely greater scope, for he would have been free of the limitations that hamper the playwright; would have had a far better opportunity to supply whatever is lacking in the portraiture of John Shand; and the book would have been a great one.

The Flouting of Treaties.

The outstanding feature of the Hon. Mr. Hewett's address at the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday was his outspoken comments in regard to China's disregard of Treaty obligations. His observations may have been just a little over-drawn, though it has equally to be admitted that there have been numerous cases of a flagrant character which fully justify the strongest possible protests. May be, as Mr. Hewett suggested, the acts of some of the provincial officials in this respect have been due to ignorance and want of experience in the conduct of high politics, but, whatever the cause, the consequences are serious, and, if officials of this type imagine they are doing the now Republic any good, they are sadly mistaken. And in this matter it is not Britain alone which suffers, though it is the fact that British interests have been most seriously injured, because of the immensity of our interest in the opium trade. The chief point to be remembered is, as Mr. Hewett took occasion to point out, that the open flouting of one Power tends to weaken the prestige of all, for if China sees that she can set herself up to oppose the stipulations imposed by one nation and solemnly agreed to by herself—it is only natural to expect that she will try the game all round. The new Republic must be made thoroughly to understand that a nation's word given in solemn Treaty is her bond.

DAY BY DAY.

To make an enemy, you have to possess a personality. To make a friend, you only want the usual cake-making ingredients—lots of butter and sugar.

The Mails.
Siberian Mail.—Arrived per s.s. Chenan this morning.

German Mail.—Due per s.s. York to-morrow at 6 a.m.

Siberian Mail.—Close per s.s. York at 5 p.m. to-morrow.

Y. M. C. A. Chess Club.
A team match has been arranged by the Y.M.C.A. Chess Club, to take place to-night.

Mrs. Hornby Leaves.
Mrs. Hornby and three children left for Home to-day by the s.s. Somali.

Arrived from Vancouver.
Mr. A. Williams K. C. and Mrs. Williams arrived yesterday from Vancouver by the s.s. Chiyu "Maru" and are staying at the Hongkong Hotel.

Child sent to Hospital.
A child aged one month has been found by the police at Yaumati, near the Canton Road, apparently suffering from smallpox and removed to hospital.

Trespassing.
At the Police Court, this morning, a man was charged with trespassing on the Kowloon-Canton Railway, at Beacon Hill tunnel, south face, and was fined \$2 or in default seven days.

Unlawful Possession.

A fine of \$25 or in default one month was passed on a Chinese by Mr. T. A. Hazelton, at the Police Court, this morning, for being in unlawful possession of a quantity of rice at West Point.

A Curious Combination.

A Chinese who stole a fowl and a pair of trowsers from a house in Third Street was sent to gaol for one month and ordered four hours stocks and sentenced to three months hard labour by Mr. T. A. Hazelton, at the Police Court, this morning.

Steal Money and Clothing.

A man who stole money and clothing valued at \$65, from a brothel at West Point was ordered four hours stocks and sentenced to three months hard labour by Mr. T. A. Hazelton, at the Police Court, this morning.

Men's Magazine.

We have received from the St. John's Cathedral Branch of the C.E. M.S. a copy of "Men's Magazine," which is issued quarterly by the Society. It contains, among other interesting matter, a "New Year Letter" from the Archbishop of York.

Very Busy.

Mr. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, at the Police Court this morning, in applying for the further adjournment of a case in which Mr. Eldon Potter was concerned, said that that gentleman was very busy just now and after the completion of the business he had in hand he would go Home or holiday.

Supposed Suicide.

The police report that the decomposed body of a man, about thirty years of age, a Chinese, has been found at Shaukiwan floating in the Harbour. The body appeared to have been in the water for several days. When it was recovered the legs were tied together with what appeared to be the man's waistband. There was nothing to show how the legs had become tied or whether the man had tied them himself. The police however are inclined to the belief that the case is one of suicide.

Sale of Pictures.

Following are the pictures sold, and the prices realised, in dollars, at the sale which concluded after we went to press yesterday:—Cadmow's Redoubt \$70; Bay Water gilding 125; Provisional 75; Ben My Chree 70; Ben Wyvis 11; not sold; Sweet Rocket 200; Sweet Pea 115; Sweet Sultan 155; Birthing 80; Glad Eye 80; Sweet William 185; The Rose Bird 165; White Hawthorn 130; Primrose 255; Snowdrop 55; Larkspur 350; Silver 125; Taif 80; Gold 150; James 70; Silverton II withdrawn; Poberton 70; Misterton withdrawn; Sevington not sold; Mulley Halfd 175; Ta Ta 70; Ambition 75; Second Thoughts 110.

A Change at Sungai Way.

Mr. Reya Tucker has been appointed Manager of Sungai Way Estate in succession to Mr. Whitton, who has resigned. Mr. Whitton is going to India. A description of Sungai Way Estate appeared recently in the columns of the "Telegraph."

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE YEAR'S WORK REVIEWED.

POINTED COMMENTS ON THE OPIUM QUESTION.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce was held in the City Hall yesterday evening. The Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt, C.M.G., presided, and there were also present:—Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross, Alross, G. Freisland, G. T. Edkins, E. Shellim, J. W. C. Bonnar, S. H. Dodwell, F. H. Armstrong, and H. A. Siebs, (Committee), E. A. M. Williams (Secretary), Hedley White, D. K. Moss, J. A. Plummer, F. Bevington, A. G. Coppin, G. C. Moxon, W. D. Jupp, L. Berindoune, H. W. Lester, W. J. Pattenden, G. Hogg, F. Lieb, V. Andol, T. F. Hough, C. Lafrentz, R. D. Harvey and Yuen Hop. The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Report.

The report of the General Committee stated that among the questions of interest dealt with during the past year, were the following:—

The Chinese Revolution.—This Chamber strongly endorsed the message of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce and other Chambers to Prince Ching and Prince Chung and Peking urging them to induce the Court and the Imperial clan to accept some suitable form of democratic government and thus enable peace and order to be restored.

Qualification of Actuaries.

The Chamber was asked by Government for its opinion as to the advisability of the introduction in the Colony of rules laying down the qualification of actuaries for the purposes of the Life Insurance Companies Ordinance (No. 11 of 1907). The Committee suggested that Government should prepare a list of duly qualified gentlemen resident in the Colony to be accepted as equal to "such other persons having actuarial knowledge as the Hongkong Government may, on the application of a Company, approve."

Proposed Improvement to the western entrance of the harbour.

The opinion of the Chamber was invited by Government concerning a proposal to improve the western entrance of the Harbour by dredging operations estimated to cost \$300,000.—The Committee considered that the benefit to the Shipping Committee would be small and out of all proportion to the cost. The opinion expressed by the Committee was that if large vessels visited the Port as a result of the opening of the Panama Canal, a far more comprehensive and costly scheme would have to be considered.

Companies Ordinance, 1911.

It will be remembered that under the title of the "New Companies Ordinance" there was published a letter addressed by this Chamber to Government on the subject of the better control of Chinese Joint Stock Concerns and suggesting, among other things, that Government should be accepted as equal to "such other persons having actuarial knowledge as the Hongkong Government may, on the application of a Company, approve."

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Quarantine Restrictions Imposed by Netherlands India.

A communication was received from the Vice Consul for Belgium outlining the conditions under which vessels from Hongkong would be admitted to free pratique in Netherland Indian ports.

The Opium Question.

The Opium question has again become acute. The restrictions and prohibitions of provincial Government, in absolute contravention of the Opium Agreement together with the wholesale smuggling of the un-certified drug has thrown the hands of importers huge stocks of certified Opium stated to represent £12,000,000. As a result of repeated protests, the Indian Government are restricting sales, but while this affords some measure of relief all representations made by H. B. M.'s Minister at Peking to the Central Government have failed to remove the restrictions on importation instituted by provincial authorities.

Outbreak of Plague in the Colony.

Government was ap-

HIS EXCELLENCY'S APPEAL.

Big Gathering at the Ellis Kadoorie College.

There was a large attendance of both Europeans and Chinese at the opening ceremony which was performed by His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Lady May, at the Ellis Kadoorie College, yesterday afternoon.

His Excellency said:—Mr. Ellis Kadoorie, Ladies and Gentlemen, I have very great pleasure in declaring this building open. The record which we have heard read by the headmaster is one of much unselfish work, self-denial, and sacrifice on the part of Mr. Ellis Kadoorie and those Chinese gentlemen who have been associated with him in founding and in endowing this institution. We cannot but admire the generosity with which they have lavished in promoting education in this school, and I am sure we are all united in wishing that their example will stimulate others to follow in their footsteps and thereby to place the finances of this school on a sound and solid basis. It must be remembered that this school caters for Chinese boys of the poorer classes. The fees in Queen's College amount to \$60 a year, and the fees in the Government school to \$30 a year, but here a boy can be educated at the very small sum of \$24 a year.

We have learned from Mr. Braidwood's report that there are very many remissions of fees in the cases of poorer boys. Therefore I would make an appeal to the public to come to the assistance of those who have so generously built and endowed this school in order that the work may continue to be carried on in a satisfactory manner.

Many of our leading Chinese here have risen from small beginnings owing to cheap education. There is, therefore, plenty of room for a school such as this, and I hope that my appeal will not fall upon deaf ears. I am sorry I have not the opportunity of addressing the boys who are educated in this school. I like boys, and I like talking to them when I get the chance, but perhaps some of those present when the boys assemble will tell them the few words I would like especially to address to them.

Success of the School.
In the first place I would ask them to remember that the success of this school—and it has extraordinary success; for like boys themselves it seems to be growing out of its clothes, thereby causing some embarrassment to the parents and guardians—(laughter)—I would like them to remember that the success is principally due to the splendid work done by the headmaster with the assistance of his staff (Applause). Mr. Braidwood's name has become a household word in educational circles here (hear, hear). I hope the boys will remember that, and show their appreciation by hard work. I would like them also, while associated with this institution, to try to take on some of those qualities which are characteristic of the founder of the institution, Mr. Ellis Kadoorie. I have not mixed much with Mr. Kadoorie in business matters, but I have known him for many years in the field of sport, and it is in the field of sport that one finds out very quickly what a man is made of, and I and other sportsmen of this colony know Mr. Kadoorie to be a straight forward and honest man (Applause). Patient under reverses and disappointments of which he has had no small share, very considerate to others, and most modest in the hour of success. Now if the boys attending this school and even the masters can imbibe a little of the spirit that animates Mr. Kadoorie and assimilate some of those qualities, then they will make good citizens wherever and in whatever land their lives are cast. Ladies and gentlemen, I wish this enlarged institution every success in the future (Applause).

Mrs. Braidwood, on behalf of the Society, presented Lady May with a beautiful bouquet in a silver holder.

HONGKONG DOG SHOW.

Closing date for Entries Postponed to March 8.

Since our appeal to our readers yesterday, more than thirty fresh entries have been made by dog owners, in connection with the forthcoming Show. At noon today the numbers were as follow:—Fox Terriers 10, Irish Terriers 12, Ball Terriers 7, Abergeneys 7, Skyes 1, Bull Dogs 1, Chows (Long Hair) 5, Pinscher Hund 4, Dachshunds 3, Pointers 2, Airedales 1, Japanese Pugs 3, Toys 4, Poodles 2, Best Litter of Pups 2, Championship for Best Dog 11, and for Best Bitch 5.

This is far more encouraging to the promoters, and there is now every sign of the show's being a great success. In order to give an extra chance to those who have not yet sent in their names, it has been decided to postpone the closing day for entries till Saturday next—March 8.

We regret to notice that there have been so few offers from owners of sporting dogs. Two pointers and no setters is a poor total for a sporting Colony like Hongkong and one which we hope to see considerably enlarged within the next day or two. We would also remind dog-owners that there is a special class for nondescripts.

The Committee's idea in making this class was to provide for mongrels. Apparently there has been some misunderstanding on this point. Dogs of recognised breeds, for which no special class exists, cannot be entered in this class but be placed in the Championship class.

Entry forms may be obtained at this office or at any of these places mentioned on Page 1 of this issue.

Famous Dog Dead.

Dog lovers who are interested in the Show will regret to learn of the death of one of the world's most famous dogs. This is "St. Francis," the mascot of the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, and famed as the dog which lived for five days in the ruins of the fire of 1906 without food or water.

"St. Francis" was an affectionate terrier and met his death under the wheels of an automobile. A San Francisco paper has the following concerning the famous animal:

The little terrier's career was an extraordinary one. "Francis" had been a pet in the St. Francis wine cellars prior to the big fire. When that came and all of the occupants and employees of the big hotel were driven to safety, only two living were left behind to seek safety for themselves as best they could. These were "Francis" and the cat.

Efforts were made to reach them, but the flames forced all rescuers back. Five days after the fire Manager Woods with several assistants entered the wine cellars. These are in the basement of the hotel and were only slightly damaged, though the tall hotel was reduced to a heap of twisted steel and ashes.

On the floor of the cellar lay the cat, dead. Then a faint yell was heard in a far-off corner. Investigation revealed "Francis," lying under a piece of wrecked machinery. The little terrier was nearly dead—it had, withstood the disaster, it had endured five days without food or water.

Careful nursing restored the emaciated canine to a healthy, happy dog, and "Francis" again held sway as the mascot of the new St. Francis Hotel, but its place in the hearts of all was made great, for a story of human interest had been woven about the little terrier.

Of those who were guests at the hotel, coming from the four corners of the earth, there was none who departed without having made friends with "Francis" and learned the story of the little dog's experience in the great fire.

Mr. Shellim's Appointment.

His Excellency has appointed Mr. Edward Shellim, provisionally and subject to His Majesty's pleasure, to be an unofficial member of the Legislative Council.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.

The twenty-sixth ordinary annual meeting of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, was held today, at noon, at the offices of Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Company, Ltd., the Hon Mr C. H. Ross presiding.

There being no questions, the report and statement of accounts were adopted on the motion of the Chairman; seconded by Dr. Noble, who, in doing so, said:—I take the opportunity, which I am glad to have, to congratulate the board and management upon the successful year's working.

Messrs G. Friesland and O. S. Gubbay were re-elected to the directorate on the motion of Mr. Crapnell, seconded by Mr. Packham.

Mr. J. Kew proposed and Mr. G. C. Moxon seconded the confirmation of the appointment of Messrs. H. Schmidt, G. Boelsen, S. H. Dodwell and H. W. D. Shallard to the directorate and the same was carried.

Gentlemen, the report and accounts having been in your possession for some time, I propose, with your consent, to take them as read.

The main features of the year's work as disclosed by the report, are the increase in the profit on working and the profit derived from the sale of property.

As regards the former I am glad to say there was a satisfactory improvement in all branches of our business, particularly wharf-work, and it will also be pleasing to you to learn that our lighters have so developed that we are now able to employ nearly all our lighters which were built to enable us to carry on work after the destruction of our wharves in the 1906 typhoon—a number of these lighters having lain idle since the wharves were reconstructed.

The property recently sold to Government for the terminus of the Kowloon-Canton Railway comprises the whole of our land on the South side of the Salisbury Road. As mentioned in the report, a portion of this property was resumed by Government in 1907, so as to complete the lower end of Salisbury Road, the proceeds of this sale being placed to credit of the property, thus reducing its book value. The remaining portion has now been sold on the basis of \$4.00 per foot, and payment has been received partly in cash and partly by the transfer to us of a piece of land known as the Police Basin, wedged in between our other properties. The acquisition of this land rounds off our property and gives room for a fourth pier, whilst the location of the railway terminus at our gates, must in the future enhance the value of our land and has facilitated the railway siding into our premises.

As a result of this sale, the item of interest figuring on the debit of our Profit and Loss a/c should be materially reduced in future.

You will observe that the item "Kowloon Property" has been subdivided under the headings of Land and Buildings. The figure at which land stands in our books, is an extremely low one, and based on recent transactions may safely be valued at quite double that amount.

Our buildings have been kept in repair out of revenue, and for the present there is no necessity to write them down, especially as there is such a substantial increase in the value of the land.

We have sold (and are preparing to sell) such portions of our properties as are not required for our godown and wharf business, and we are recommending that part of the profit derived from the recent sales of land, be utilized for the formation of an "Equalization of Dividend Fund," and I may mention that it is the intention of your directors to so utilize any further profits which may be made from sales of land, and this policy, which is undoubtedly a wise one, I hope, will meet with your approval.

Contracts have been let for a new Ferry Wharf at Kowloon in place of the present one, which has been sold to Government and which will be handed over as soon as the new one is completed.

Since our last meeting, Mr Osborne, who for nearly 24 years occupied the position of secretary to this company, has retired, owing I regret to say, to his inability to remain here during the summer months, and in view of

the very exceptional service rendered by him, the Directors have appointed Mr. Edward Shellim, provisionally and subject to His Majesty's pleasure, to be an unofficial member of the Legislative Council.

dered by this gentleman, your directors, with your concurrence, propose to award him a bonus of one year's salary and one thousand pounds. I may mention that should unforeseen circumstances demand Mr. Osborne's temporary return to the Colony, he has expressed his willingness to do so, should his services at any time be desired by the Board.

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We learn that the order for the complete plant of the Fatshan Electric Light and Power Company's generating station has been given to a well-known Hongkong firm—the General Electric Company of China.

The Fatshan Company is a purely Chinese concern and is decidedly go-ahead. It is to be congratulated on its foresight in arranging for a perfectly up-to-date equipment, not only supplied by a British firm but also of British manufacture. The General Electric Co., too, is also to be congratulated, for, hitherto, it has been very difficult for British firms to get any sort of foothold, in this direction, on account of the cutting of prices. We are glad therefore, to hear that the contract has been definitely settled and that work is already beginning.

Much difficulty has presented itself over the choice of a suitable site for the power station. Fatshan lies very low and to avoid the possibility of occasional flooding, it has been decided to raise the ground on which the building is to be erected, by five feet.

The machinery, which will come direct from the Electric Company's own works at Witton, near Birmingham, will arrive in Fatshan in July, by which time all will be ready for its installation. The plant consists of three 2-phase alternating current generators, driven by crude oil Bolinders engines, 100 H.P. The whole machinery, including switchboard and all accessories, is the most modern of its kind in South China.

To-day's Advertisements

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Silk Arrival.

China Coast Gazette.

The silk ex O.S.K. steamer "Seattle Maru," which left Hongkong on 23rd Jan., arrived at New York on 27th Feb. p.m.

Straits Cattle Boats.

The ships of the Straits Steamship Co. carrying cattle between Singapore and the west coast of the Malay Peninsula are exempted from the cattle regulations of the Shipping Ordinance except as regards footholds, "subject always to alternative fittings being provided of such a character as to protect as far as practicable animals from injury and unnecessary suffering."

Singapore Marine Motor Service.

A circular has been issued to the shareholders in the above Company as follows:—With reference to Circular of December 19th last, we beg to inform you that Members holding ninety per cent. of the Shares voting are in favour of the proposals of the Board, and in accordance with their desire, immediate steps are being taken to secure efficient running launches. Since the above-mentioned circular was issued, three of the launches have been sold. These will gradually be replaced by others. At present no further call on capital will be made. It is satisfactory to state that during the past three months earnings have exceeded the expenses.

A Warning to Captains.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have issued notices drawing the special attention of the captains of pleasure steamers and others in authority, and also passengers, to the provisions of the official Secret Act, and warning persons specially against making or obtaining any sketch photograph, or cinematograph film of any building or place connected with His Majesty's dockyards and naval establishments or of any of His Majesty's ships, without the permission of their Lordships.

Their Lordships state that they will not hesitate to take proceedings against any person who is detected in the commission of any

offence against the provisions of the official Secret Act, and warning persons specially against making or obtaining any sketch photograph, or cinematograph film of any building or place connected with His Majesty's dockyards and naval establishments or of any of His Majesty's ships, without the permission of their Lordships.

Mr. V. J. Bryne, third engineer, Hengyang, has gone acting second engineer, Yuensang.

Mr. B. M. Aveline, second engineer, Yuensang, has resigned.

Mr. C. H. Spittle has rejoined as supernumerary second officer, Yuensang.

Mr. A. N. Morrison, third engineer, Onsan, has gone third engineer, Fook sang.

Mr. J. Smith, third engineer, Fook sang, has gone third engineer, Loongsang.

Mr. G. C. Bander, third engineer, Loongsang, has gone third engineer, Onsan.

The Ranger, destroyed, is to be placed in the sale list.

VESSELS TAKING CARGO.

European Ports.

Destination.	Vessel's Name.	For Freight Apply To	To be Dispatched
London via Usual Ports of Call	Delta	P. & O. Co.	15 March
Gavre and Hamburg, &c.,	Silecia	H. A. L.	25 March
L'ave, Bremen and Hamburg, &c.	Brisgavia	H. A. L.	12 March
do do do	O. J. D. Ahlers	H. A. L.	21 March
Marseilles, Bremen, and Hamburg, &c.	Belgravia	H. A. L.	21 March
Mexico, Peruvian and Chili via Japan	Buyo Maru	T. K. K.	23 April
Marseilles, via Saigon, S'pore, Obo, Port Said	Paul Lecat	M. M. Co.	11 March
Marseilles, London & Antwerp via S'pore, &c.	Hitachi Maru	N. Y. K.	12 March
U.K. & Continental Ports	Glenlogan	S. T. & Co.	Middle of March
Trieste, via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, &c.	Africa	S. W. & Co.	13 March

New York, San Francisco and Canada.

New York	Ambria	H. A. L.	12 March
do	Shimose	D. & Co.	25 March about
Boston & New York via Ports & Suez Canal	Inverclyde	S. T. & Co.	2 April, about
San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan, &c.	Chioy Maru	N. Y. K.	11 March
San Francisco via Manila & Japan, &c.	Nile	P. M. Co.	18 March
Victoria, B.C., and Seattle via Shanghai, &c.	Tumba Maru	N. Y. K.	11 March
Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma via Japan, &c.	Tacoma Maru	O. S. K.	22 March
Victoria, Vancouver, B.C., Seattle	Harpagus	J. M. & Co.	10 June, about
Vancouver	Monteagle	O. P. R. Co.	8 March
Vancouver B.C., and Portland (Or.)	Sithonia	H. A. L.	28 March
Vancouver via Shanghai and Japan, &c.	Empress of India	C. P. R. Co.	5 April

Australia.

Australian Ports via Manila	Empire	G. L. & Co.	11 March
do	Kumano Maru	N. Y. K.	12 March
do	Prinz Waldemar	M. & Co.	22 March

Singapore, Coast Ports and Japan.

Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, &c.	Tjitaroem	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do do	Tjimahi	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
Bombay via Singapore & Colombo	Bombay Maru	N. Y. K.	17 March
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Yatoshing	J. M. & Co.	14 March
do do do	Fooshing	J. M. & Co.	7 March
Japan	Tjiliwong	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
Kobe and Yokohama	Iyo Maru	N. Y. K.	13 March
do do	Kitano Maru	T. K. K.	27 March
Yokohama and Kobe	Muttra	J. M. & Co.	12 March
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Yewata Maru	N. Y. K.	12 March
Yokohama and Kobe via Shanghai	Austria	S. W. & Co.	1 April, about
Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu	Rubi	S. T. & Co.	7 March
Newchang	Kiukiang	B. & S.	15 March
Tsingtao, Weihaiwei and Chefoo	Paotung	B. & S.	8 March
Foochow via Swatow and Amoy	Kaijo Maru	O. S. K.	12 March
Tamsui via Swatow and Amoy	Daigi Maru	O. S. K.	9 March
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	D. L. & Co.	7 March
do do do	Haiching	D. L. & Co.	11 March
do do do	Haitan	D. L. & Co.	14 March
Shanghai and Japan	Den of Glamis	J. M. & Co.	10 March
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	Nyanza	P. & O. Co.	8 March, about
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Spezia	H. A. L.	8 March
do do do	Scandia	H. A. L.	10 March
do do do	Atlantique	M. M. Co.	10 March
Shanghai Moji and Kobe	Hakata Maru	N. Y. K.	17 March
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Rangoon Maru	N. Y. K.	12 March
do do do	Dilwara	D. S. & Co.	15 March
Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe and Moji	Arratoon Apear	D. S. & Co.	15 March
do do do	Gregory Apear	D. S. & Co.	15 March
Shanghai, Tingtau, Kobe and Yokohama	Nippou	A. N. & Co.	7 March, about
Shanghai	Japan	A. N. & Co.	24 March, about
do	Yorck	M. & Co.	6 March, about
do	Tjillatap	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
do	Tjibodas	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
do	Tjikini	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
do	Anhui	B. & S.	6 March
do	India	P. & O. Co.	13 March, about
do	Kwongeang	J. M. & Co.	7 March
do	Chenan	B. & S.	8 March
do	Choysang	J. M. & Co.	11 March

Australia's Thanks to The Navy.

The High Commissioner for Australia has expressed on behalf of his Government his high appreciation and thanks for the assistance given by Admiralty officials and naval officers in connection with the supervision of the building, completing, and commissioning of the new cruiser Melbourne.

R. E. Officers.

Major G. C. Kemp and R. H. Macdonald, Royal Engineers, have been ordered home from Sierra Leone and Cairo respectively.

The following officers of Royal Engineers have arrived home:—Capt. I. J. Connor, from Bermuda, for duty as District Officer, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Capt. P. B. O'Connor, from Gibraltar.

Died in Custody.

Becker, the Russian, who was in custody at Shanghai in connection with the alleged forging of bank-notes, died in the Shanghai General Hospital on February 22 morning.

Copyright in the Straits.

An act to repeal the Indian Copyright Act, hitherto in force in Singapore, will be shortly brought before the Legislative Council, and the Imperial Copyright Act of 1911 has been brought into force there.

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ALLEGED FALSE PRETENCES.

Bail of \$4,000 Imposed.

Before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning, Cheng Wing Lew, was charged with obtaining by false pretences the sum of \$4,000 in sums of \$2,000 each on two occasions by pretending to Chan Tin Sang that he had rented two floors close to Messrs. Sincers and Company's premises on the Bund at Canton, consisting of ground and first floor, and that he had set up a dentist's establishment on the ground floor and that he intended to occupy the first floor as his residence. According to the charge "he did unlawfully obtain two sums of \$2,000 from the said Chan Tin Sang with intent to defraud whereas in truth the said Cheng Wing Lew did not in fact rent the said premises and had not set up a dentist's establishment."

Mr. Jackson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master prosecuted, and Mr. Davidson, of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, defended.

A remand was asked for, and Mr. Davidson said that \$2,000 was the limit his client could put up as bail.

Mr. Jackson said he would ask for heavy bail to be fixed.

Mr. Davidson said the charge of false pretences was usually put forward by Chinese out of spite.

Mr. Jackson said he was afraid the Court could not countenance that, and he hoped to be able to prove the charge against the defendant.

His Worship:—Bail \$4,000; remanded until the 20th.

Mr. Davidson:—I suppose I can apply to your Worship again for a reduction of bail.

His Worship:—Yes.

Y.M.C.A. CONCERT.

Friday's programme for the Y.M.C.A. concert shows that it should rank as one of the best ever arranged by the Association. It is as follows:

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Overture "Pest and Peasant," Suppe.

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Mr. Denman Fuller.

Accompanist, Mr. J. W. White.

SECOND PART.

The Christy Minstrels.

HEAVY PENALTY.

Revolver and Ammunition in a Sock:

A man found in unlawful possession of a revolver and ammunition concealed in a sock at West Point, succeeded in throwing them into the Harbour. A diver was obtained and eventually the sock and the revolver and ammunition were found.

At the Police Court, this morning, Inspector Dymond asked Mr. F. A. Hazeland to fix the full penalty.

His Worship fined the man \$250 or in default three months and ordered the revolver and ammunition to be forfeited.

ROBBERY CHARGE.

Man Pleads Guilty but Denies Violence.

L. Sgt. Wills charged a man before Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning, with complicity in the robbery which occurred on Sunday morning, at 3, Coronation Terrace.

The accused was arrested on the train as he was about to leave for Canton, and some jewellery alleged to have been stolen from the house in question was found in his possession.

The man pleaded guilty to robbery but denied using violence.

The case was formally remanded for a week.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

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proached "with reference to the serious outbreak of plague and its effect on shipping." While approving of the methods adopted by the M.O.H., the Committee considered that it carried out Government must be prepared to pay full compensation to shareholders.

Liqueur Consolidation Ordinance of 1911.—Certain points governed by this Ordinance were raised by Messrs. Gurver Quelch and Co., but the Committee were unable to agree that reasonable grounds for complaint existed.

Court of Appeal Ordinance.—An interesting memorandum of the views of the Incorporated Law Society of Hongkong on the Court of Appeal Ordinance was forwarded by the Society to the Chamber. The memorandum was carefully considered by the Committee and their views imparted to the Hon. Mr. Murray Stewart, who was at that time the Chamber's Representative on the Legislative Council and who gave expression to them in Council.

Harbour Robberies—Letters were received from Messrs. Shaw, Toms and Co., Agents of the Yunglize Insurance Association Ltd., and from the Marine Insurance Association of Hongkong relative to a series of robberies then occurring in the harbour. The Government were addressed by the Chamber on the subject and supplied minutes by the Harbour Master and the Capt. Superintendent of Police shewing what precautions were being adopted for the prevention of robberies.

Private Buoys and Moorings.—A letter was addressed to the

dressed to the Chamber by Messrs. Deacon Locker and Deacon and replied to by the Committee.

Export and Import Trade of the Russian Empire.—By the courtesy of the Central for Russia a bulletin of Foreign Trade in St. Petersburg was put upon the files of the Chamber and additional bulletins have been promised.

Treaty of Commerce between the United Kingdom and Bolivia.—The Committee, upon being asked for their views, had no objection to offer to the adherence of this Colony to the Treaty of Commerce between the United Kingdom and Bolivia.

Pilferage of Oiwo.—The Canton Chamber stated that it had reason to believe that systematic pilfering existed in Hongkong Harbour. The Committee suggested that the better course would be to communicate with the Hongkong police.

Foreign Bank Note in circulation in the Colony.—The Chamber was asked whether it still held the opinion that legislation should be introduced to stop the circulation in the Colony of bank notes other than those duly authorised by law. The Committee endorsed their views conveyed by letter dated 11th December, 1907.

Dispute arising out of the wording of the conference tariff.—Correspondence was received and filed concerning a dispute arising out of the wording of the Conference Tariff dated 1st April, 1912.

Membership.—During the year under review, Mr. C. L. Gorham died and Messrs. Liustad and Davis resigned their membership. Messrs. Heuser, Ebner went into bankruptcy. Messrs. Bruton and Hett became Mr. G. Hall Bruton by the dissolution of the partnership. Mr. Bruton's name now appears among the individual members. During the year the following firms were elected Members and their election requires the usual confirmation at the Annual Meeting:—The Bank of Tuiwan, Ltd.; The Great Tobacco Manufactory, Messrs. Bello Bros. The membership now consists of 125 firms and 19 individual Members.

Committee.—During the year Messrs. H. W. Robertson and G. F. Medhurst resigned, and their places were taken by Mr. G. T. Edkins and Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell. The Chairman (The Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett, C.M.G.) and Mr. Shellim were away from the Colony leave of absence during the year and returned before the end of the year. During Mr. Hewett's absence, Mr. N. J. Stabb acted as Chairman. Upon Mr. Hewett leaving the Colony in July 1912, Mr. Murray Stewart was elected to sit in the Legislative Council as the Chamber's representative and upon Mr. Murray Stewart going home in September, Mr. J. W. C. Bonner was elected for the balance of Mr. Hewett's leave of absence. Mr. Hewett returned to the Colony and resumed the Chairmanship and his seat on the Council on 20th December, 1912.

Finances.—A sum of \$1,500 was voted by the Committee on 15th February, 1912, out of the Chamber's reserves towards the cost of a Special Hongkong Issue of the "Financial News." The surplus of normal revenue over normal receipts for 1912 was \$513.78.

The Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and accounts, said:—"The report and accounts having been in your hands for 10 days, I will your permission to take them as read. You will notice that the question of the dredging of the harbour has again been before this Committee during the year under review, but that we have given it as our opinion this work is not an urgent necessity at the moment. Later, when the Panama Canal is opened, the matter may require further consideration, but if it is then found desirable to have the harbour dredged, the work will have to be far more extensive, and much more costly, than that proposed by the Government last year.

You will also see that the Companies Ordinance has again formed the subject of correspondence with the Government. The Committee still hold the opinion very strongly that in Chinese Companies registered under the act their books should be kept in English and it appears to us that we

for a great shipping port, namely wireless telegraphy, has also received our attention, and we trust before long to have a fitting station erected which will enable all vessels in these waters to readily communicate with the Colony. It is, however, to be regretted that no further step has been taken towards setting up the long-promised station on the Pater Island and that we

would be a small price to pay for the advantages which are derived by those who are working under the Act; the minimum we consider to be exacted should be the statutory books and cash book.

That the Chinese should oppose such a change is not to be surprised at, but the complaints which have so frequently been made both in the Courts of Law, and outside, as to the unsatisfactory nature of the accounts kept by many firms, appear to fully justify our demand.

An important piece of Legislation has been enacted during the past year by the introduction and passing of a bill providing for limited partnerships in non-Chinese firms. This is based on the Home Act and will, we believe, be of great use in encouraging investment of Capital in the Colony.

The Opium Question.

The opium question is, as you are aware, still one of the burning questions of the day. The facts as they now stand are so well known as to need small reference from me, but I may remind you that stocks are now estimated at 29,000 chests, valued at between nine and ten millions sterling. Great Britain showed her friendship towards China in the endeavour to check opium smoking in the country at large by the Agreement of 1911; the provisions of which are well known to you all. This was a very practical way of showing our sympathy, as the Agreement, aiming as it did, at the total extinction of our Indian opium trade in 10 years, represented a heavy sacrifice on the part of our Imperial Government. The result has been far from satisfactory.

Working in the belief that the Agreement would be loyally carried out, large sums of money have been invested in the trade, which is now practically at a standstill, while it cannot be questioned that in many parts of China the cultivation of the poppy is on the increase. This means that while our part of the trade is being ruined, large profits are being made by Chinese, in some cases, even with the direct connivance of their officials, in what is officially declared to be an illegal business.

The gross breach of faith and utter disregard for Treaty obligations being now displayed by many of the leading officials in the Empire is a most serious matter. We have repeatedly had to complain of the ignoring of Treaty obligations on the part of the late Manchu Government, and last year I expressed the hope that with a change of Government we might look for a better order of things. So far, however, we have been disappointed. Our Treaties are flouted and no redress appears forthcoming for those who suffer from the bad faith of the Chinese officials, who in this matter are, unfortunately, encouraged by the talk of certain ignorant and fugal persons at Home, who, wilfully closing their eyes to facts, continue to misrepresent the aspect of the case. This state of affairs is truly deplorable, and if persisted in must tell very seriously against all. The open floating of one Power weakens the prestige of all, while the cynical indifference of certain Provincial officials towards their Treaty obligations is calculated to do serious harm to China herself and can only result in enormously increasing the difficulties of new Government.

The unsatisfactory state of affairs which obtains as to robberies and burglaries, to which public attention has been too frequently directed of late years, has now been before this Committee and is fully dealt with in the report. We believe that this is a matter which is receiving the earnest attention of those responsible, and we trust we will in the future see a better state of affairs.

Wireless Telegraphy.

That most important question for a great shipping port, namely wireless telegraphy, has also received our attention, and we trust before long to have a fitting station erected which will enable all vessels in these waters to readily communicate with the Colony. The Association is ruled by its own Chairman and Committee, and is entirely separate body from us. I am sure I am only echoing the feelings of all Members of the Chamber when I say that we

wish the new Association every possible prosperity.

In my address at our last annual meeting, I referred to the changes which had taken place in the Government of the neighbouring Empire and expressed a hope that, while benefiting the country at large one result would be that we would no longer have to complain of acts of bad faith towards the Treaty Powers, such as we have so often had to protest against on the part of the Manchus. Unfortunately we cannot as yet record any improvement. In fact, in certain parts of China the local officials appear to consider they are in no way bound by the Treaties and act as they think fit. This may be in part due to ignorance and want of experience in the conduct of high politics, but a persistence in such an attitude towards foreigners and foreign trade cannot but result in great harm to China and her people and it is to be hoped a more enlightened policy will shortly make itself apparent.

That great and important water-way which is to link up the old and new worlds will, we hope, be open for traffic before our next annual meeting, and we congratulate our enterprising relatives on the courage and determination which they have displayed in carrying out this mighty undertaking. We trust that the result will be a great increase in our trade with Europe and the Eastern side of the American Continent, much to the advantage of all concerned, including our Colony.

The Boycott Evil.

During the past twelve months we have, unfortunately, witnessed a very serious condition of affairs in the form of a boycott by the Chinese community of one of our local Companies.

I do not propose to make reference

to the rights or wrong of the case, or to endeavour to apportion the blame. I refer to the question because we have seen something of this sort; both in this Colony and in the Treaty ports of China in the past, and there may possibly be some reason to fear that, in the present feeling of unrest which must necessarily accompany so complete a change in the Government of a great country such as China, this method of enforcing their views may be again attempted by a section of the native population.

It is perhaps hardly necessary to state that such action is illegal and under no circumstances can be justified, or if carried out, condoned, and it is as well that those who have been in the past, or may be in the future, responsible for such a movement should fully understand that they act so at their peril.

The action of the Government has clearly indicated that they mean to stand no nonsense, and I feel sure that all right-minded people in the Colony will cordially endorse any action taken by the Government; however severe, in dealing with such a condition of affairs.

It will be remembered that a sub-Committee of the General Committee was formed in 24th April, 1911, to consider the question of a standard form of contract for exporters. This Committee, after thoroughly sifting the pros and cons, finally came to the conclusion that an uniform form of contract was desirable, provided Canton exporters also adopted the same form.

In this belief the Sub-Committee were supported by practically the whole of the export firms of Hongkong. It is to be regretted that after arriving at this point of unity, protracted negotiations with Canton failed to elicit the latter's support; the reason given being, that in the opinion of Canton exporters, the situation of the export trade at the moment did not call for a standard form of contract.

The question had, then, to remain in abeyance, but we still hope that Canton will eventually see eye to eye with us, and enable the trade to secure a very necessary reform.

A New Association.

During the deliberations of the Sub-Committee, it became evident that there was need and room for an association formed for the exclusive purpose of looking after the interests of the exporting trade. Public meetings were held as you are aware, and the opinion of the Sub-Committee was endorsed by the general body of exporters. Finally rules and regulations were adopted, and the Association formed, which holds its first annual meeting to-morrow.

It has a membership of 9 Chinese and 49 Europeans, and as regards its European membership, it practically embraces the whole of the exporters of Hongkong. It is to be greatly regretted that more Chinese merchants have not been forthcoming, as the objects of the Association are clearly to protect the interests of all engaged in the export trade of China. The Association is ruled by its own Chairman and Committee, and is entirely separate body from us.

Mr. Lafrenz seconded, and the report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

Mr. Pattenden moved the re-election of the Committee, which consisted of the Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross, Messrs. N. J. Stabb, F. H. Armstrong, J. W. C. Bonner, S. H. Dodwell, G. T. Edkins, G. Friesland, E. Shalim and H. A. Siebe.

Mr. Gubbay seconded, and the motion was carried.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Ross,

the election of the following members was confirmed:—The Bank of Tuiwan, Ltd.; Bothelo Bros.; and the Orient Tobacco Company. This was all the business, and the meeting concluded with an expression of thanks by the Chairman on behalf of the Committee for their re-election.

Subsequently a Committee meeting was held, when the Hon. Mr. Hewett was re-elected Chairman and the Hon. Mr. Ross chosen as Vice-Chairman.

SANITARY BOARD.

The fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday when Mr. D. W. Tratman, head of the Sanitary Board presided. There were present:—Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax, Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Mr. Ng Hon Tsu, Mr. Chan Kai Ming, Dr. Pearce, Assistant Mr. O. H. Dr. F. Clark, M.O.H. and Mr. Bowen Rowlands, secretary.

Mr. Bowley asked the following questions:

- 1.—Is malarial fever prevalent in the Wong-nei-chung Valley?
- 2.—Have mosquito larvae been found in any accumulations of water in the Valley?
- 3.—If yes, are such larvae the larvae of anopholes mosquitoes?
- 4.—What steps (if any) have been taken to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes in the Valley?
- 5.—Does the Medical Officer of Health consider that any, and if so, what, further steps should be taken to prevent such breeding?

The President gave the answers as follow:—

- 1.—Not to my knowledge.
- 2.—Yes.
- 3.—Yes.
- 4.—Pools and streams have been cleaned out and kerosened, some pools have been filled in, and the kerosening of the others is being continued.
- 5.—Yes. The M.O.H. has been in correspondence with the Public Works Department on the subject, and he has recommended the extension of the training of the streams in the east and west sides of the village of Wong-nei-chung to well above the village.

Mr. Bowley:—May I ask a supplementary question? Has any reply been received from the Public Works Department.

The Mr. O. H.:—Yes; I might say a reply has been received to the effect that the question is under consideration in connection with the sale of land contiguous to the stream.

Correspondence was submitted relative to cemeteries at Kowloon. A minute submitted to the Board was to the effect that the European cemetery was in the present road from Yaumati to Kowloon City and on the projected 100 foot road of Argyle Street. The Chinese cemetery was on the branch road to Mautakok slaughter house. The European cemetery and the Indian (?) would require to be properly enclosed before any burials could be made.

Mr. F. L. B. Bowley minuted:

Will it be possible to erect a crematorium at the proposed European cemetery.

This was replied to by the P. W. D. in the following manner:—I have no objection, but this is a question that should be dealt with separately afterwards.

The President said that the question of the provision of a cemetery at Kowloon had been brought up from time to time but had been held over on account of developments of the railway, roads etc. The site for the cemetery was suitable and the European portion would lie close to one of the roads projected to cross the peninsula.

Mr. Chan Kai Ming:—Are these the cemeteries that certain dairy people complain of getting too near their place?

The President:—I have no information on the subject, but I believe not.

Hon. Mr. W. Chatham:—These are proposed cemeteries and the dairy farm people have no knowledge of the proposal. He must be referring to some existing cemeteries.

On the motion of the President seconded by Mr. Chan Kai Ming it was resolved to recommend that certain land be set apart for European, Chinese and Indian cemeteries, and that the European section be enclosed before any burials take place therein.

REMOVAL NOTICE.

To enable the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" to cope with STEADILY INCREASING BUSINESS, demanding more COMMODIOUS PREMISES, the office will shortly be removed to No. 1 Ice House Road—Corner of Battery Path and Queen's Road.

AMERICA'S NEW PRESIDENT.

Character Sketch of Mr. Woodrow Wilson.

Our telegrams to-day tell of the inauguration of Mr. Woodrow Wilson as President of the United States of America, an event which will probably mark the beginning of a new epoch in the history of the great Republic.

A Comparison.

In a character sketch of the new President, "G. G. G." writing in the "Daily News and Leader," says:—

It is one of the ironies of nature—against which he humorously protests—that he should in feature so closely resemble Joseph Chamberlain. Whether in full face or in profile, the suggestion is irresistible. There is the same low, broad brow, the same deep fold of the upper eye-lid that gives so penetrating an effect to the glance, the same challenging nose—that type of nose on which, as Hazlitt said, the younger Pitt "suspended the House of Commons"—the same full lips of the rhetorician. Only about the mouth is there a difference. Mr. Chamberlain's mouth is relentless. It gives no relief to the combative character of the face. But around Dr. Wilson's mouth there play the lines of gaiety and laughter—the insignia of one who loves a little nonsense now and then, delights in limericks and droll stories, is fond of play and a good song. "Even a reformer," he says, "need not be a fool." And even a professor need not be a dull dog. And the world is never dull when President Wilson bursts into it. For one thing, there is sure to be a glee club, for he loves singing as much as debating.

But in spite of many marked differences of temperament and outlook, that likeness to Mr. Chamberlain represents one fundamental affinity. The keynote of both is a certain hard masterfulness. There are many ways of being masterful. Gladstone was masterful with a sort of god-like authority. To oppose him was to break the tables of the law. He was clothed with the thunders of Sinai; the very heavens seemed afire with sympathetic lightnings. You felt yourself a miserable worm squirming before high heaven. Mr. Lloyd George is the one masterful man in English politics to-day; but his masterfulness exhibits itself in an astonishing suppleness. He is like Cobbold used to be on the football field. He gets the ball at his toe, and threads his way amid the crowd of opponents, darting, dashing, turning, twisting, but never losing his mastery of the ball or his vision of the goal—a miracle of coolness and agility. President Wilson's masterfulness is like that of Mr. Chamberlain—hard, combative, direct; no compromise, no concealment, no finesse, but smashing drives straight from the shoulder.

(To be continued to-morrow.)

TRAM CONDUCTOR CHARGED.

A tram conductor was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne today by a Chinese woman with having stolen two sovereigns which became detached from her bangle when she fell from a car going to the races.

After hearing the evidence, his Worship dismissed the case.

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